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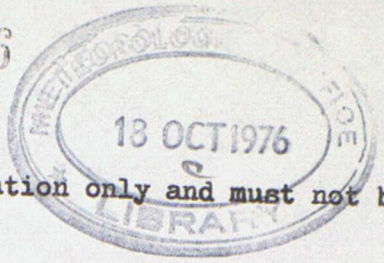

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Sequences of work days for grass conservation Wales & South West England - D FORSDYKE

In Agricultural Memoranda Nos 531 and 574 sequences of work days for grass conservation were analysed for Wales and South West England using rainfall data for the 10 year period 1961-70. Further data for the previous decade, 1951-60, have now been analysed for a limited number of stations in the same way to see how far the previous results may have been influenced by the choice of period.

The average number of work days per 10 day period 15 May-1 Oct inclusive are tabulated below for each decade columns headed (a) refer to 1951-60 and those headed (b) to 1961-70.

South West England

	'1 + 0'		'1 + 1'		'1 + 2'		'1 + 3'		'1 + 4'	
	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b
Taynton	5.6	6.2	3.9	4.5	2.9	3.4	2.3	2.7	1.8	2.1
St Austell	4.9	5.1	3.5	3.6	2.6	2.7	1.9	2.1	1.5	1.6
Friar Waddon	6.0	6.6	4.3	4.9	3.4	3.8	2.7	3.0	2.1	2.4
Clovelly Court	5.2	5.1	3.6	3.5	2.6	2.7	2.0	2.1	1.6	1.6
Bude	4.9	5.4	3.3	3.9	2.4	2.9	1.7	2.2	1.4	1.8
Tavistock	5.0	5.0	3.5	3.7	2.6	2.8	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.7
Mean	5.3	5.6	3.7	4.0	2.7	3.1	2.1	2.4	1.7	1.9

Wales

Nantgwllt	3.8	3.9	2.6	2.6	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	1.1	0.9
Whitland	5.9	5.5	4.2	3.9	3.0	2.8	2.3	2.1	1.7	1.6
Abercannon	4.2	4.3	2.7	2.9	1.9	2.1	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.1
Talybont Filters	4.8	5.3	3.2	3.8	2.4	2.9	1.9	2.3	1.4	1.9
Chink	5.2	5.6	3.5	3.8	2.6	2.7	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5
Mean	4.8	4.9	3.2	3.4	2.4	2.5	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.4

These figures indicate that the decade 1961-70 was a little drier than the preceding one.

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